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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 450,100 IN AUGUST

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 3,800 jobs in August, primarily as a result of employees in the manufacturing sector returning to work following the plant vacation closings in July, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 450,100 in August. This represents a monthly gain of 3,800 jobs and is 6,600 more than the August 1986 level of 443,500.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment rose 3,700 in the July-August period to a level of 120,400. In addition, the current factory total is 1,300 greater than the year earlier figure of 119,100. In the Durable Goods category, the August employment level of 82,400 was up 2,500 from the prior month and reflects an increase of 700 jobs compared to a year ago. The current Nondurable Goods manufacturing total of 38,000 represents a monthly job gain of 1,200 and an annual increase of 600.

Within the Durable Goods sector, the largest monthly employment increase occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (+1,200), followed by advances in Fabricated Metals (+400) and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+300). Moreover, a job gain of 200 was recorded in Non-electrical Machinery while monthly upturns of 100 each were posted in Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment. Employ-

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NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK

OCTOBER 4 – 10, 1987

National Employ the Handicapped Week will be observed for the forty-third consecutive year during the period October 4 – 10 as America salutes the hiring records of employers and the achievements of workers with disabilities. Making employment a reality is what the American dream is all about. And people with disabilities are part of this dream. But some are excluded. On occasion people ignore the ABILITY and just see the disability.

Announcing the 43rd National Employ the Handicapped Week, John S. Renza, Director of the R.I. Department of Employment Security, commends the record of many Rhode Island employers who take a positive approach to hiring and retaining handicapped workers.

During Fiscal Year 1987 a total of 1,131 handicapped individuals sought employment through the R.I. Job Service system of local offices. Over 52 percent of them – 593 – were placed in jobs. In the past 43 years the Job Service has accentuated the positive – that a worker's abilities are far more important than his or her limitations.

Employers wanting to hire qualified handicapped workers are encouraged to list their job openings with the Job Bank – 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. A listing of all Job Service offices appears on Page 2 of this Bulletin.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave . . .245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown 847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information. 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-3588
CALL-A-TEEN . . . .Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Total Placements	1,007	1,071	3,095
New Applications	2,207	2,619	3,872
New Openings Rec'd.	2,455	1,646	3,960

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1987	July 1987	% Change July 1987
Initial Claims	4,456	9,497	- 53.1
No. of Payments	36,642	41,208	- 11.1
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,789,151	$ 5,272,331	- 9.2
Exhaustions	796	856	- 7.0

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Initial Claims	3,455	3,581	3,131
No. of Payments	27,366	24,389	23,980
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,378,869	$ 4,000,374	$ 3,295,320

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	520.6	514.5	512.9
Unemployment	18.3	20.6	19.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.5	4.0	3.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.7	3.7	4.0

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
Civilian Labor Force	332.7	335.9	330.8
Unemployment	13.2	12.7	15.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.8	4.6

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
Civilian Labor Force	166.1	167.4	165.2
Unemployment	7.2	7.3	9.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	4.4	5.6

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
Civilian Labor Force	36,275	36,160	36,415
Unemployment	1,010	1,115	1,035
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.8	3.1	2.8

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
AUGUST 17-21, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	10,246	100.0
Men	4,360	42.6
Under 45	2,974	68.2
45 and over	1,386	31.8
Women	5,886	57.4
Under 45	3,405	57.8
45 and Over	2,481	42.2
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	355	3.5
Manufactruing	4,422	43.1
Public Utilities	878	8.6
Wholesale and Retail	1,756	17.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	354	3.5
Service	1,880	18.3
All Other	601	5.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech: and Managerial	1,818	17.7
Clerical and Sales	2,588	25.3
Service	1,171	11.4
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	31	0.3
Processing	200	2.0
Machine Trades	1,125	11.0
Bench Work	1,140	11.1
Structural Work	662	6.5
Miscellaneous	1,510	14.7
INA	1	0.0

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	450.1	446.3	443.5	+ 3,800	+ 6,600
MANUFACTURING	120.4	116.7	119.1	+ 3,700	+ 1,300
NONMANUFACTURING	329.7	329.6	324.4	+ 100	+ 5,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.3	19.2	18.4	+ 100	+ 900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.3	15.2	15.2	+ 100	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	102.0	101.6	101.0	+ 400	+ 1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.7	25.7	25.2	-	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	111.3	111.5	108.9	- 200	+ 2,400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.1	56.4	55.7	- 300	+ 400

1987 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1986 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1987	Aug. 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	120.4	116.7	119.1	+3700	+1300	330.37	319.18	39.9	40.3	8.28	7.92
DURABLE GOODS	82.4	79.9	81.7	+2500	+ 700	326.76	317.16	39.8	40.3	8.21	7.87
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.4	3.4	3.4	-	-	387.03	376.12	40.4	40.4	9.58	9.31
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.6	1.7	+ 100	-	412.80	404.74	40.0	40.8	10.32	9.92
PRIMARY METALS	5.4	5.3	5.2	+ 100	+ 200	401.21	395.23	42.1	43.1	9.53	9.17
FABRICATED METALS	10.0	9.6	9.9	+ 400	+ 100	318.77	290.47	40.3	39.9	7.91	7.28
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.0*	5.8*	5.8*	+ 200	+ 200	447.62	429.57	43.5	43.7	10.29	9.83
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.0	11.9	12.1	+ 100	- 100	297.20	297.60	38.9	40.0	7.64	7.44
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.1	9.0	9.4	+ 100	- 300	436.91	415.67	39.9	40.2	10.95	10.34
INSTRUMENTS	5.0*	5.0*	4.8*	-	+ 200	321.20	324.59	40.0	42.1	8.03	7.71
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	24.0	22.8	23.5	+1200	+ 500	261.74	251.14	39.3	39.8	6.66	6.31
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.5	5.9	+ 300	- 100	258.46	248.09	36.3	35.8	7.12	6.93
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.0	36.8	37.4	+1200	+ 600	336.80	323.61	40.0	40.3	8.42	8.03
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.2	3.2	+ 100	+ 100	295.54	272.88	37.6	37.9	7.86	7.20
TEXTILES	10.5	9.9	10.4	+ 600	+ 100	306.73	293.76	40.2	40.8	7.63	7.20
APPAREL	3.1	3.0	3.1	+ 100	-	295.64	278.57	42.6	42.4	6.94	6.57
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.4	2.5	+ 100	-	306.61	305.44	41.1	41.5	7.46	7.36
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.8	-	+ 100	434.34	428.15	38.1	39.1	11.40	10.95
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 100	- 100	431.17	425.57	40.6	40.3	10.62	10.56
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.3	1.2	+ 100	+ 200	349.03	335.74	41.9	41.5	8.33	8.09
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	4.8	4.8	+ 200	+ 200	331.30	318.40	39.3	39.9	8.43	7.98
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 100	-	248.68	218.44	40.7	38.8	6.11	5.63

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WHENEVER YOU NEED WORKERS CONTACT RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

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ment in Lumber/Furniture and Instruments showed no change from last month. Compared to a year ago, the most substantial job gain was registered in Jewelry-Silverware (+500). Annual increases of 200 each were reported in Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments, followed by an upturn of 100 in Fabricated Metals. In contrast, declines for the twelve month period were evident in Transportation Equipment (-300), Electrical Machinery (-100) and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-100). Employment in Lumber/Furniture and Stone-Clay-Glass was unchanged from a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, Textile employment (+600) reflected the most sizable monthly increase. Also showing advances from last month were Plastics Products (+200) and Food-Beverage, Apparel, Paper Products, Chemical Products and Rubber Products (+100 each). Employment in Leather Products was down 100 in the July-August period while job levels in Printing-Publishing showed no change.

On an annual comparison, employment upturns of 200 each were reported in Rubber Products and Plastics Products, followed by gains of 100 each in Food-Beverage, Textiles and Printing-Publishing. The only decline for the twelve month period was registered in Chemical Products (-100). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged compared to August 1986.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector showed little change from July to August, increasing by 100 to the current level of 329,700. However, this figure does represent a substantial gain of 5,300 jobs from the year earlier figure of 324,400.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly increase (+400) occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade. At 102,000, employment in this industry was up 1,000 from its August 1986 level. Both Contract Construction, at 19,300, and Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,300 increased by 100 from the previous month. Compared to a year ago, the former was up 900, while the latter industry advanced by 100. Although overall Government employment fell by 300 for the month to 56,100, it remained 400 above the August 1986 total. Similarly, Services employment, at 111,300, posted a monthly decline of 200 but was up 2,400 from a year ago. Payroll levels in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, showed no change from the July total of 25,700 but were 500 greater than the figure recorded in August 1986.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 3 cents to $8.28 in mid-August. This represents a 36 cent per hour gain compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.1 of an hour in August to 39.9 hours and was down 0.4 of an hour from August 1986. Average weekly earnings for these workers in August amounted to $330.37 representing an increase of 37 cents from last month and $11.19 from August of last year.

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